of 0-6 years, concerted efforts to bring about appropriate behavioural changes in mothers, increased community participation in the identification of problems and management of nutrition programmes and convergence of services by strengthening linkages between the concerned sectors.

Popularisation of Hindi in non-Hindi areas

455. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are taken to popularise Hindi in Non-Hindi areas; and

(b) how much amount has been spent on it with details year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The Department of Education is implementing the following Schemes for promotion of Hindi:

(1) *Scheme of Appointment of Hindi Teachers in non-Hindi Speaking States and the Scheme of opening/ strengthning of Hindi Teachers Training Colleges in non-Hindi speaking States/UTs.*

Under this Scheme 100 per cent Financial Assistance is besng provided to non-Hindi speaking States/UTs for post of Hindi Teachers created with the prior approval of Government of India.

Financial assistance given to various States during the last three years is as follows:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the State/UT	Grant sanctioned during		
		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
1.	Assam	36.98	..	12.88
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	..	13.79	..
3.	Manipur	21.69	..	50.00
4.	Mizoram	61.79	64.53	55.81
5.	Nagaland	31.58	..	38.00
6.	Orissa	150.84	78.44	40.36
7.	Sikkim	..	52.18	..
8.	Lakshdweep	116.00	..	..
9.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2.60	..	..

(2) *Scheme of Financial Assistance to Voluntary Hindi Organisations for Promotion of Hid*

Under the Scheme financial assistance is given for a variety of activities for propagation and development of Hindi. A majority of the voluntary organisations receiving grants under the Scheme are in non-Hindi speaking areas.

Financial assistance under the Scheme is normally given upto 75 per cent of the total approved expenditure except in the case of constructions/repair/expansion of building in which case the grant may be upto 60 per cent of the approved expenditure or Rs. 50,444 whichever is less.

The expenditure under the Scheme during the last three financial years is as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

1990-91 : [illegible]	1991-92 : 279.98	1992-93 : 216.52

(3) *Central Hindi Directorate* (a subordinate office under the Ministry of HRD)—the Directorate is running a correspondence course to teach Hindi as second language to non-Hindi speaking Indians and Foreigners through the medium of Tamil, Malyalam, Bengali and English. During 1992-93 about 15000 students were enrolled in the course. Besides, the Directorate also brings out Hindi based and Regional languages based bilingual, trilingual and multilingual dictionaries for promotion of Hindi in non-Hindi speaking areas.

16 non-Hindi speaking writers are given awards of Rs. 15,000 each, every year.

Proposal to withdraw Milk and Milk Product Order, 1992

*456. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to withdraw the Milk and Milk Product Order of 1992;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the likely impact of the withdrawal of the order on the overall development of the dairy industry in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Multi-State Cashew Project

457. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

DR NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development is considering the proposal of Andhra Pradesh Government for financing the Multi-State Cashew Project;

(b) whether the project is pending for clearance and World Bank assistance with the Central Government;

(c) the status of this Project; and

(d) the approximate time-frame for completing scrutiny of this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir. No proposal is presently under consideration of the Bank.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.